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POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND AS DESCRIBED
BY ZILLIACUS TO "KLARA"
(1944)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

8th January 1944

Dec. 87, 88

[2-part message complete]

(Part 1) To VIKTOR[1].

To 8th Department.

ZILLIACUS(TELLIANKUS)[11], who arrived from FINLAND on
5th January, told "KLARA"[11] the following:

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(Part II) [2 groups unrecovered](c)

The programme of the Social-Democratic Party (7 groups unrecovered):

1. Military

[31 groups unrecovered]

troops from FINE 3.

1. Proof to RUSSIA and the allies that [2 groups unrecovered] seek a way both to peace and to friendly relations with RUSSIA. [5 groups unrecovered] [3 groups unrecovered] SED type government could establish relations with the USSR similar to Soviet-Czechoslovak relations(d. TASSPFI(xvi)), who was formerly sympathetic towards and in touch with the opposition, [5 groups unrecovered], [1 group unrecovered] in view of the fact that the opposition does not believe in its(e) future and considers that RUSSIA is not and will not be interested in it(e). Unless RUSSIA adopts a favourable attitude, there is no [2 groups unrecovered] of success. RUSSIA, in his opinion, will rely on another [1 group unidentified](f). There is also the organised opposition of the Communists and the opposition movement of the liberal and left-radical [1 group unidentified](f). The latter is headed by the lawyer PEDALA(xvi). They advocate an exclusively pro-Russian line and make no [3 claims] to [4 groups unrecovered], [3 groups unrecovered] or to [1 group unrecovered] FINLAND(SUP 1), which the Social-Democratic opposition, as a 'vitally important' [4 groups unrecovered] and Russian (C-bases), [5 groups unrecovered] in the final analysis solve the Finnish question according to the Baltic States' [1 group unrecovered]. All the opposition trends are divided

[19 groups unrecovered]

parliamentary opposition. VORH(xvi), the Secretary of the Trades Unions, is, as before, a supporter of TASSPFI, but [3 groups unrecovered] considering the position of FINLAND now to be [9 groups unrecovered] members.

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[31 groups unrecovered].

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[39 groups unrecoverable]

and ZILLIACUS.

Note: 2.1a[7], information can be trusted. He described the position in FINLAND to KL/K: as he himself sees and assesses it.

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VALPOLIN[mix]

- Notes:
- [a] Or "to".
 - [b] This decrypts to "journalists" and it has been assumed that "journal", which is the next group in the code book, was intended.
 - [c] These two groups presumably represent a preamble e.g. "Continuation of telegram No. 14" or "Further to telegram No. 14".
 - [d] The Finnish government signed a 20-year Treaty of Alliance with the USSR on 12th December 1943.
 - [e] Not clear to what "it" refers.
 - [f] The same unidentified group occurs in both positions.

- Comments:
- [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.A. FITEN.
 - [11] ZILLIACUS: Possibly Doctor Laurin ZILLIACUS, member of the Social Democratic Party of Finland.
 - [111] KLAR: /
 - [14] ALDEN: Lt. Gen. Karl Rudolf VALDEN, non-party, Minister of Defense in the Finnish (LIPKOWITS) Government.
 - [17] TATLER: Veino Alfred TATLER, Social Democrat, Minister of Finance in the Finnish (LIPKOWITS) Government.
 - [111] FORBURN: Prof. Elias Ragnar FORBURN, member of the Finnish Parliament.

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